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**To: California Integrated Waste Management Board**

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**SUBJECT: COMMENT REGARDING CHANGES TO PROPOSED PERMIT  
IMPLEMENTATION REGULATIONS (AB 1497)**

This comment is in regards to changes to proposed permit implementation regulations (AB 1497) generally, but specifically to Sec 21660.2 (3) requiring “additional measures to increase public notice and to encourage attendance” of the affected public concerning the application of permits by a solid waste facility in their vicinity.

Your additional measures seem encouraging however, I would suggest additional measures to help local jurisdictions make notice more meaningful to the local communities affected by a proposed solid waste treatment facility.

I think that when people think about a solid waste facility in the vicinity of their homes they immediately think about the well-being of their children and other family members. What better way to reach *concerned parents* than to connect with them at the place where most have a strong tie such as **public and private schools** in the vicinity of the proposed location. **Posting a notice near or at (with approval of course of the school) all elementary, middle, and high schools in the area** would have a large impact because either the parents themselves would see the sign or older school children may carry the news home to their parents. This may be a more effective and meaningful addition to increasing public notice and attendance by those interested in a proposed solid waste facility in their area.

Of course one needs next to determine which schools constitute being in the ‘vicinity’ of the proposed facility. This I think should depend on the districts of each school. Information should be attained to show which children from which areas attend each school. That way one will only post notice at schools whose students live closest to the proposed facility.

Best regards,

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